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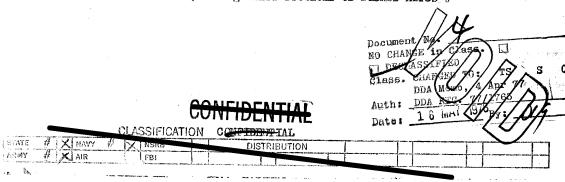
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- The entire Yugoslav Communist colony in Argentina was taken by complete surprise by the Argentine government's recent action in dissolving the Union Eslava and its affiliates. The Yugoslav Legation, also surprised by this move, expects considerable repercussions among the pro-Tito and pro-Cominform lemigrants.
- 2. Practically all Yugoslav organizations in Argentina are affiliated with Union Eslava, which has an estimated membership of 80,000. However, not all affiliates are Communist, e.g., the Slovene society Semopomon. No official action has yet been taken against the Yugoslav Red Cross which is suspected of assisting Yugoslav pro-Cominform immigrants. It is not yet known what official measures will be taken against Yugoslavia Libre and Consejo Central Yugoslavo.
- The only important Polish Communist group to be closed following the dissolution of Union Eslava was the Maria Konophicka Society, one of the original and most active affiliates of Union Eslava. The police informed leaders of this society that they would be allowed to reorganize under a different name if they severed all connections with Union Eslava elements. Source believes it will be some time before the Maria Konophicka Society or other dissolved Union Eslava affiliates attempt to reorganize. Important Slav Communist leaders such as Christo Gonevsky, Antonio Dramazonek, and Martin Raduj are well aware that they may be deported from Argentina if they continue their past activities.
- 4. Union Eslava's liquidation will cause Yugoslav immigrants in the interior of Augentina to be more cautious about provoking police action against them. Source believes that the Slav Communist underground movement will become intensely and increasingly active. Underground cells will be formed in Buenos Aires proper, Dock Sud and the Boca (working class sections of Buenos Aires).



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